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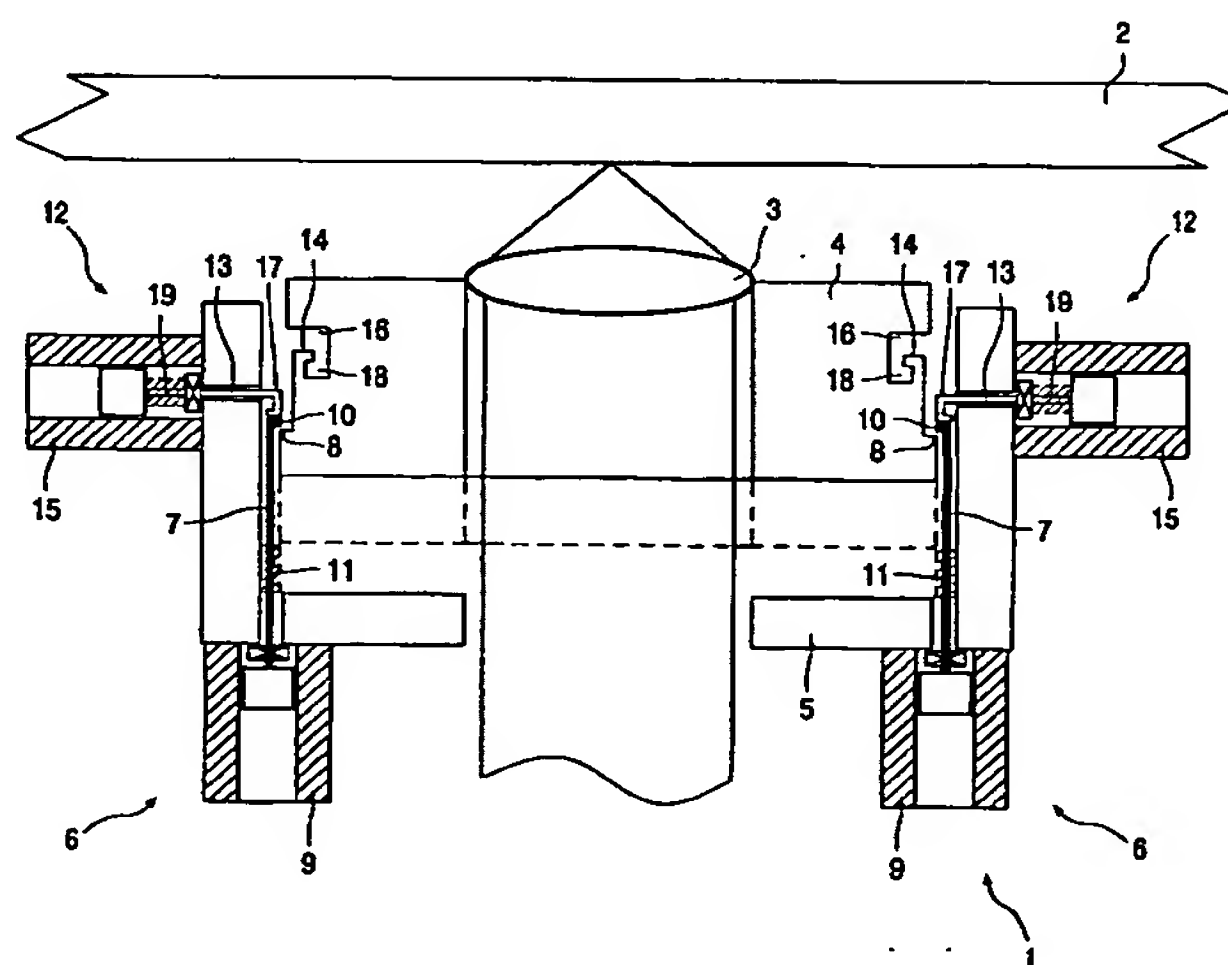
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(54) Title: **PICKUP UNIT AND DISK DRIVE UNIT PROVIDED WITH SUCH A PICKUP UNIT**



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a pickup unit (1) for reading and/or writing data on a disk (2). The pickup unit comprises a base (5), a lens (3) in a lens holder (4) which is suspended from the base (5) and which is movable in at least a focusing direction of the lens (3), a pullback arrangement (9), and/or a locking arrangement (12, 12'). The pullback arrangement (9) and the locking arrangement (12, 12') are adapted to act on the lens holder in order to prevent collisions between the lens (holder) and the disk, the pullback arrangement (9) is adapted to pull the lens holder (4) into an inoperative position remote from the disk, while the locking arrangement (12, 12') is adapted to subsequently lock the lens holder in the inoperative position. In this manner collisions due to strong external mechanical forces or pulses exerted on the pick up unit can be effectively prevented.



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